GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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QUALITY OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to improve the quality of engineering education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any requests from the State Governments particularly from Maharashtra for allocation of funds for upgradation of engineering colleges in their States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has various schemes for improvement of quality of engineering education in the country, namely, Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) scheme for improvement of faculty for Diploma & Degree level institutions and the Research Promotion Scheme(RPS) for promoting research in the field of engineering. Moreover, the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) has been set-up to regulate and monitor the quality of engineering education in the country through a revised accreditation system which is outcome based.

(c) & (d): Eight proposals have been received from the State Government of Maharashtra under the scheme for upgradation of engineering colleges. The process of formulation of the scheme and determination of the criteria for selection has been initiated.